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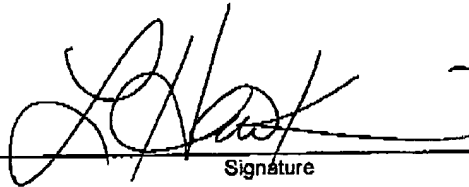
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 7, 2005.

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